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The Honorable Elmer B. Staats
Comptroller General of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20548

Dear Mr. Staats:

I am familiar with the contents of the letter dated 3 October
1967 from the Director of Central Intelligence proposing for your
approval, under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 374 (1964), a financial
records retirement program.

I am also familiar with the fact that the General Accounting
Office no longer conducts an audit of the Central Intelligence Agency
but rather that Agency performs its own under procedures established
by the Director.

It is my understanding that the proposed program for the
systematic retirement of financial records will be administered
generally in accordance with the procedures applicable to Govern-
ment agencies, particularly as to identification of categories of
documents and the application thereto of appropriate records re-
tention periods. I have no objection if you deem it appropriate to
approve the retirement of records of the Central Intelligence Agency
under the authority conferred upon you by the above-mentioned statute.

Enclosure